FALLEN HEROES



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On Behalf of the 72nd C

Our Regiment's successes during OIF 07-09, from 2007 to 2009, in Ninewa, Diyala and Baghdad, were a result of our disciplined Soldiers, well-led units, and those who fought so valiantly against terrorism for the preservation of our freedom. Our combat veterans know well the meaning of "... you have been baptized in fire and blood, and come out steel!" That steel endures in our Warrior Ethos:

- I will always place the mission first.
- I will never quit.
- I will never accept defeat.
- I will never leave a fallen comrade.



Our fallen Troopers lived the Warrior Ethos and made the ultimate sacrifice believing in what they were doing. They selflessly offered up everything they had in order to accomplish the mission and protect their fellow Troopers. Their sacrifices will always be remembered by many and they will never be forgotten, having been woven into the fabric of our great Regiment and Nation. Our Regiment is a Family and we love and respect our Fallen Heros.

Colonel of the Regiment



As the former Chief of Staff, Army, General Eric K. Shinseki stated on Memorial Day, 2000: "As American citizens, we try to comprehend our fallen heroes' immense sacrifices. Those who have seen or experienced the horrors of war first-hand have no need to use their imaginations or rely on second-hand testimonies. They know too well the nasty, dirty business of war. But it is important to the rest of us to place ourselves in the shoes of those who have faced the terror of combat. Only with such empathy can we begin to appreciate the sacrifices that we honor."

To our Families of our Fallen Heroes: Our Troopers made a significant difference in the livelihood of the Iraqi people who faced daily violence and brutality by protecting them from a terrorist enemy. They touched a tortured people who never experienced freedom and lost tens of thousands. Now, this sovereign nation can now return to their homes and schools and have a chance for what we have here in America.

We will never forget our Fallen Heroes, our Brothers and Troopers. Our Fallen Heroes' families will always be in our thoughts and prayers. We will draw the strength from who they were, "Brave Rifles, Veterans."

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A Message from the 3d Armored Cavalry Regimental Chaplain, CH (MAJ) Larry Holland

They lay in rest at various places and monuments mark the hallowed ground where family and friends can visit to pay respect to them and their lives. We must, however, erect ever-living memorials to them in our hearts and minds so that we may never forget the ultimate sacrifice they paid in service to our country and the ideals of freedom.



What can be said when it comes to paying proper tribute to the fallen heroes of the Regiment? Words alone are not sufficient for the honor they are due. Indeed, appropriate accolades of respect, praise, and love have been spoken about them at numerous memorial ceremonies and funerals from forward operating bases in Iraq to hometowns across America. But long after the formal tributes are spoken, it is our continuing memory that shows the sincerest appreciation for them.



We pray for the strength and courage to continue the fight for freedom and that we may lead lives worthy of their sacrifice. We pray that God's all-sufficient grace will be with their family and loved ones. We will be always mindful of the words from John 15:13 that "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends."

CH (MAJ) Larry Holland



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The Ultimate Sacrifice



Soldiers Lost During Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09

SPC Christine M. Ndururi, AVIM Troop, 4/3 ACR, Nov. 6, 2007 SFC Jonathan A. Lowery, Howitzer Battery, 3/3 ACR, Dec. 14, 2007 1LT Jeremy E. Ray, King Battery, 1/3 ACR, Dec. 20, 2007 CPT Rowdy J. Inman, Ironhawk Troop, 3/3 ACR, Dec. 26, 2007 SGT Benjamin B. Portell, Howitzer Battery, 3/3 ACR, Dec. 26, 2007 CPT Thomas J. Casey, MiTT 0511, 2/3 ACR, Jan. 3, 2008 MAJ Andrew J. Olmsted, MiTT 0511, 2/3 ACR, Jan. 3, 2008 PFC Keith E. Lloyd, Roughrider Troop, 1/3 ACR, Jan. 12, 2008 SSG Justin R. Whiting, 5th SFG (Airborne), Jan. 19, 2008 PFC Joshua A. Young, Company B, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Jan. 28, 2008 SPC Brandon A. Meyer, Company B, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Jan. 28, 2008 SSG Gary W. Jeffries, Company B, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Jan. 28, 2008 CPL Evan A. Marshall, Company B, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Jan. 28, 2008 SGT James E. Craig, Company B, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Jan. 28, 2008 SSG Chad A. Barrett, FSC, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Feb. 2, 2008 SGT Corey E. Spates, Grim Troop, 2/3 ACR, Feb. 10, 2008 SSG Bryant W. Mackey, Lightning Troop, 3/3 ACR, Feb. 20, 2008 CPT Torre E. Mallard, Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, March 10, 2008 SGT Phillip R. Anderson, Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, March 10, 2008 SPC Donald A. W. Burkett, Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, March 10, 2008 Mr. Albert A. Haroutounian, Interpreter, 2/3 ACR, March 10, 2008 SGT Gregory D. Unruh, Lion Battery, 2/3 ACR, March 19, 2008 SPC Matthew T. Morris, Lion Battery, 2/3 ACR, April 6, 2008 CPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz, MiTT 0511, 2/3 ACR, April 6, 2008 SSG Chad A. Caldwell, Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR, April 30, 2008 SPC Alex D. Gonzalez, 43d Combat Engineer Company, 2/3 ACR, May 6, 2008 PFC Joshua E. Waltenbaugh, Air Raider Troop, 4/3 ACR, June 3, 2008 SGT Alejandro A. Dominguez, Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR, June 24, 2008 SPC James M. Yohn, Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR, June 24, 2008 SPC Joel A. Taylor, Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR, June 24, 2008 SSG David W. Textor, Company A, 3rd BN. 1st FSG (ARBN), July 15, 2008 SPC Andre D. Mitchell, HHT, 2/3 ACR, July 31, 2008 SPC Jorge L. Feliz Nieve, HHT, 3/3 ACR, Aug. 28, 2008 CPT Michael J. Medders, HHT, 2/3 ACR, Sept. 24, 2008 SGT Michael K. Clark, Company A, 1-8 INF, 4ID, Oct. 7, 2008 SGT Jose Regalado, Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR, Nov. 12, 2008 SPC Corey M. Shea, Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR, Nov. 12, 2008 CW2 Christian P. Humphreys, A Troop, 6-17 CAV, Nov. 15, 2008 CW3 Donald V. Clark, C Troop, 6-17 CAV, Nov. 15, 2008 SFC Miguel A. Wilson, Eagle Troop, 2/3 ACR, Nov. 21, 2008 MSG Anthony Davis, 2-11-3 MiTT, Nov. 25, 2008 CPT Warren A. Frank 5th ANGLICO, MNF-W, Nov. 25, 2008 SSG Solomon T. Sam, 523rd Engineer - Company, 84th ENG BN, Dec. 4, 2008 SGT John J. Savage, 103rd Engineer - Company, 94th ENG BN, Dec. 4, 2008 MAJ John Pryor, 1st Forward Surgical Team, Dec. 25, 2008

SPC Christine Ndururi



6 December 1985 – 6 November 2007

SPC Christine Ndururi was born in Nairobi, Kenya, December 6, 1985. She was raised both there and in Dracut, Mass.

SPC Ndururi enlisted in the U.S. Army, September 3, 2004, and earned the Military Occupational Specialty of Automated Logistics Specialist, September 22, 2006. SPC Ndururi's first assignment was at Fort Hood, Texas. On September 28, 2007, she was assigned to the Longknife Squadron's Air Raider Troop.

SPC Ndururi's military awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

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SPC Ndururi is survived by her father, Wilson Wachira and mother, Mary Mwaniki of Dracut, Mass., and her siblings, Simon, George, Ambrose and Faith.

SFC Jonathan Lowery



10 March 1969 – 14 December 2007

SFC Jonathan Allen Lowery was born in Houlton, Maine, March 10, 1969.

SFC Lowery enlisted in the U.S. Army June 28, 1986, and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Sill, OK. Upon completion of training at the U.S. Field Artillery School, he was assigned to the 3rd FA Regt. in Germany. While there, SFC Lowery deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Desert Storm. He then served three years with 5th Battalion, 18th FA Brigade, Fort Sill,

OK. During that time, SFC Lowery deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as an Intelligence Analyst. SFC Lowery next served as Howitzer Section Chief assigned to 17th FA Regt., at Smith Barracks, Germany where he again deployed, this time to Kosovo. After completion of this combat tour, SFC Lowery returned to Fort Sill, OK, and was assigned to the 1st Bn., 17th FA Regt., as a Section Chief. While there, he completed his second trip to Iraq, serving 13 months in country. He then returned to Fort Sill where he served as Senior Drill Sergeant for 19 months. SFC Lowery arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, Nov. 30, 2006 and served as a Gunnery Sergeant for 3rd Platoon, Howitzer Battery, 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Calvary Regiment. He began his fourth deployment to Iraq Nov. 5, 2007.

SFC Lowery's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award (1OLC), the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (four Knots), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Award), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Serviced Ribbon (3OLC), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal for Overseas Training, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal from the government of Kuwait, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge and Driver's Badge with Track Award.

SFC Lowery is survived by his father Winfield, and two children, Sean and Dawson. HOWITZER BATTERY, THUNDER SQUADRON, 3d ACR

"BRAVE RIFLES"

1LT Jeremy E. Ray



26 November 1981 – 20 December 2007

1LT Jeremy E. Ray was born November 26, 1981 in Houston, Texas, to Debbie and Randy Ray.

1LT Ray graduated from Texas A&M University earning a degree in Geology. Upon commissioning, he attended the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. On February 22, 2007, 1LT Ray arrived at King Battery, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas. Assigned as a Bradley fire support team leader for Dragon Company, 1LT Ray returned to King Battery in 2007 as a Platoon Leader for 2nd platoon. He trained and led his men in traditional artillery tasks, dismounted and motorized infantry tactics at the National Training Center during their preparation and subsequent deployment to Iraq. 1LT Ray was an outstanding Cavalry Officer who led from the front. He will be greatly missed by King Battery, Tiger Squadron, and the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

1LT Ray's awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Combat Action Badge.

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1LT Ray is survived by his parents Debbie and Randy Ray and his brother Justin Ray.

CPT Rowdy J. Inman



14 March 1969 - 26 December 2007

CPT Rowdy J. Inman was born March 14, 1969 in Alaska.

He enlisted in the Active Duty Army in May 1988. Following Advanced Individual Training (AIT), during which he earned the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 11B (Infantryman). CPT Inman was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as a Team Leader and Weapons Platoon Squad Leader. In August of 1990, he deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. Following the completion of ROTC at Sam Houston College, CPT Inman received his commission in 2000 as an Armor Officer. His first assignment was Tank Platoon Leader, Dragon Company, 1st Squadron 3d ACR at Fort Carson, Colorado. In September 2001, he deployed to Egypt for Operation Bright Star. During his time as a Scout Platoon Leader and XO of Crazyhorse Troop, 1/3 ACR, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was next assigned to G-3, 1st Cavalry Division, where he deployed as the Division Assistant Plans Officer for OIF 2. Following a 10 month break in service, CPT Inman rejoined the Army in 2006. He assumed command of Ironhawk Troop September 6, 2006 and deployed to Mosul, Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

CPT Inman's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medals from the governments of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge and Parachutist Badge.

CPT Inman is survived by his wife Shannon and his children, Kellie, Gary and Carey.

IRONHAWK TROOP, THUNDER SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

SGT Benjamin B. Portell



16 July 1980 – 26 December 2007

SGT Benjamin B. Portell was born in Bakersfield, California.

SGT Benjamin B. Portell enlisted in the U.S. Army, May 15, 2003. Following Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, assigned to Alpha Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 172nd Infantry Brigade. He served as a Cannoneer on the M198 Towed Howitzer. SGT Portell deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06, serving 16 months in northern Iraq, based out of Forward Operating Base Q-West. Following that assignment, SGT Portell relocated to Fort Hood, Texas, in June of 2007. He was assigned to Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. SGT Portell performed duties as a Gunner for an M109A6 Paladin Battery. He then deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09 and was reassigned to 2nd Platoon, Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served as Platoon Gunner and provided dismounted security during combat operations.

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SGT Portell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (10LC), Army Achievement Medal (10LC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Driver's Badge with Wheel Award and Combat Action Badge.

SGT Benjamin B. Portell is survived by his wife, Michelle.

CPT Thomas J. Casey



15 April 1975 – 3 January 2008

CPT Thomas John Casey was from New Mexico. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1996 and enlisted in the Army as a Spanish linguist.

Upon graduation from Officer Candidate School he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. After completing the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course he was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a Battlefield Intelligence Collection Controller. He also served as both Platoon Leader and Executive Officer. At Fort Hood, Texas, he served as the Assistant Brigade Intelligence Officer. In 2007 he re-entered active duty and was assigned as the Executive Officer and Intelligence Officer for Military Transition Team 0511 advising 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division

CPT Casey's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medals (1OLC), Army Achievement Medals (1OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

CPT Casey is survived by his wife Leslie Anne Casey, sons Joseph, John and Michael Jerald, his parents John and Patricia Casey and brother Jeff Casey.

MILITARY TRANSITION TEAM 0511 SABRE SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

MAJ Andrew J. Olmsted

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16 July 1970 – 3 January 2008

MAJ Andrew James Olmsted was from Maine. He graduated from Clark University in 1992 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

After completing the Armor Basic Branch Course, he was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer. He served as the Operations Officer at Camp Casey, Korea. He commanded an Armor Company at Fort Carson, Colorado, and later served as an OC/T Detachment Commander, Brigade Adjutant and Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer. On his return to active duty, he served as the team chief for Military Transition Team 0511 advising 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division.

MAJ Olmsted's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge.

MAJ Olmsted is survived by his wife Amanda Wilson and his parents, Wesley and Nancy Olmsted, sister Catherine Olmsted and brother Eric Olmsted.

MILITARY TRANSITION TEAM 0511 SABRE SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

PFC Keith E. Lloyd



6 May 1981 – 12 January 2008

PFC Keith E. Lloyd was born May 6, 1981 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Gary and Cynthia Allam.

PFC Lloyd joined the U.S. Army March 1, 2007. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Following his completion of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia, PFC Lloyd was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 92G (Food Service Specialist). On August 13, 2007, PFC Lloyd was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas. Following the unit's return from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, PFC Lloyd aided in his troop preparation for deployment and was instrumental in its success. He deployed to Iraq in November 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. PFC Lloyd will be greatly missed by Roughrider Troop, Tiger Squadron, and the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.

PFC Lloyd's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

PFC Lloyd is survived by his parents, Gary Lloyd and Cynthia Allam; brothers Kraig, Gary, Joshua, and Thomas; sisters Christine and Cora; and his fiancée, Amanda Apollo.

SSG Justin R. Whiting



24 September 1980 – 19 January 2008

SSG Justin Whiting was born September 24, 1980 in Temple, Texas. He graduated from Hancock Central High School in 1999.

SSG Whiting enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1999, as a Light Wheel Mechanic. Upon his completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2004, he was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was assigned as a Medical Sergeant with Operational Detachment Alpha 582, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). After serving his first enlistment, SSG Whiting was honorably discharged from the military. Within one year of being discharged, SSG Whiting enlisted into the Army, assigned with 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), with Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 5322.

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SSG Whiting's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Medical Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

SSG Whiting is survived by his parents, Randall Whiting and Estelline Miller. His brother Nathan Whiting is assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His stepbrother Gregory Martin is assigned to 4th Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His sister Amanda is a captain, also serving in the U.S. Army.

OPERATIONAL DETACHMENT ALPHA 5322 3RD BATTALION 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) "BRAVE RIFLES"

PFC Joshua R. Young



8 August 1986 – 28 January 2008

PFC Joshua Young was a native of Riddle, Oregon.

PFC Young joined the U.S. Army May 3, 2007. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Benning, Georgia, in May 2007. PFC Young graduated September 2007, and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 11B (infantryman). Upon completion of BCT and AIT, PFC Young was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served for five months.

PFC Young's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

PFC Young is survived by his father Albert Young and mother Dawayna Fouts.



HONORING THE FALLEN





SPC Brandon A. Meyer



3 February 1987 – 28 January 2008

SPC Brandon A. Meyer was a native of Orange, California.

SPC Meyer joined the U.S. Army, January 18, 2007. He attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. SPC Meyer graduated and was awarded the MOS of 11B (Infantryman). Upon completion of Basic and Advanced Individual Training, SPC Meyer was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served for seven months.

SPC Meyer's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award, Combat Infantry Badge and Parachutist Badge.

SPC Meyer is survived by his wife, Caitlin Meyer.

SSG Gary W. Jeffries



22 July 1970 – 28 January 2008

SSG Gary Jeffries is a native of Kerrville, Texas.

SSG Jeffries joined the U.S. Army, April 24, 1997. Before being assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, he was assigned to D Company 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, where he served a tour at Camp Casey, South Korea. SSG Jeffries was then assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served six years and completed three tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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SSG Jeffries' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

SSG Jeffries is survived by his son, Zachary and daughter, Sierra.

CPL Evan A Marshall



2 June 1986 – 28 January 2008

CPL Evan Marshall was a native of Athens, Georgia.

CPL Marshall joined the U.S. Army, June 8, 2004. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Benning, Georgia, in June 2004. CPL Marshall graduated in September 2004 and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 11B (Infantryman). Upon completion of BCT and AIT, CPL Marshall was assigned to Company B, 1st Infantry, 8th Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served two years and two tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CPL Marshall's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award and Combat Infantry Badge.

CPL Marshall is survived by his father, Andrew Marshall and mother, Sheila Marshall.

SGT James E. Craig



27 December 1981 – 28 January 2008

SGT James Craig was a native of Hollywood, South Carolina.

SGT Craig joined the U.S. Army June 29, 2000. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. He graduated in December 2000 and was awarded the MOS of 11B (Infantryman). Upon completion of Basic and Advanced Individual Training, SGT Craig was assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, with 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, where he served two and a half years. SGT Craig was then assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served for five years, three of which were in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

SGT Craig's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Valorous Unit Award, Expert Infantryman's Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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SGT Craig is survived by his wife, Natalie Craig.

SGT Chad A. Barrett



5 December 1972 – 2 February 2008

Sergeant Chad Barrett was a native of Saltville, Virginia.

SGT Barrett joined the U.S. Army on August 26, 1996. He attended Basic Individual Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 92F (Petroleum Fuel Specialist). Previously, SGT Barrett served at Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lee, Virginia; and at Ray Barracks, Georgia. He was then assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's 64th Brigade Support Battalion and assigned to the Forward Support Company, 1-8 Infantry, where he served for three years and two tours of duty in Iraq.

SGT Barrett's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Combat Action Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Drivers Badge (Wheel).

SGT Barrett is survived by his wife Michelle Barrett, son Zachery Barrett and stepdaughter Taylor Chidley.

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SGT Corey E. Spates



3 July 1986 – 10 February 2008

SGT Corey E. Spates was born July 3, 1986 in LaGrange, Georgia.

Upon completion of high school, SGT Spates enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 2004 as a 19K (Armor Crewman), and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He graduated in August 2004. His first assignment was with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment, at Fort Riley, Kansas. He then deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2005 to January 2006. After he returned, SGT Spates was assigned to Grim Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas, and deployed in November 2007 in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

SGT Spates' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Spates is survived by his wife Celeste; mother, Joy Thomas; father, Steve Spates; and brother, Michael Spates.

SSG Bryant W. Mackey



17 August 1977 – 20 February 2008

SSG Bryant Wayne Mackey was born August 17, 1977 in Kansas.

SSG Mackey entered the U.S. Army in 2002 and completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he earned the primary MOS 19K (Armor Crewman). SSG Mackey served in all positions on the tank: Driver, Loader, Gunner, and Tank Commander. His first assignment was as an Armor Crewman with Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. After serving over two years, one of which included a tour in support Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004-2005, SSG Mackey was assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, of Fort Knox. Following his tour at Fort Knox, SSG Mackey returned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Tank Commander for Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. In 2007, SSG Mackey deployed with the Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

SSG Mackey's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

SSG Bryant Mackey is survived by his wife Marie and three children, Ryan, Koby and Stephanie.

CPT Torre R. Mallard



20 August 1980 – 10 March 2008

CPT Torre R. Mallard was born in Anniston, Alabama, August 20, 1980.

He attended the United States Military Academy and graduated in 2002 with a degree in Computer Science. He attended Airborne School in 2000, Master Fitness Course and Armor Officer Basic Course in 2002, and Maneuver Captains Career Course and Cavalry Leaders Course in 2006. His first assignment was with B Troop, 1-7 CAV at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Tank and Scout Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer. In 2006 CPT Mallard was assigned to 3d ACR Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop where he served as the Assistant RS1. He was later assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served as the Squadron S4. In April 2007, CPT Mallard took command of Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served with distinction.

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CPT Mallard's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge.

CPT Mallard is survived by his wife Bonita Mallard, his sons Torre Jr. and Joshua Mallard, his father Mose Mallard III and his mother Robin Mallard.

SGT Phillip R. Anderson



20 August 1979 – 10 March 2008

SGT Phillip R. Anderson was born in Mexico, Missouri, August 20, 1979.

SGT Anderson entered the U.S. Army in August 2000 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He graduated from OSUT in March 2000 as a M1 Armor Crewman. His first assignment was with Company C, 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a Tank Crewman. His next assignment was with Company B, 2d Battalion, 34th Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as a Tank Crewman and later a Tank Gunner. In August 2006, SGT Anderson was assigned to Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas, where he was assigned as the commander's Tank Gunner.

SGT Anderson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart (1OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

SGT Anderson is survived by his wife Melanie, his son Warner, his mother Raven Bren, and his father Kenneth Anderson.



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SPC Donald A.W. Burkett



27 January 1984 – 10 March 2008

SPC Donald A.W. Burkett was born in Brownwood, Texas, January 27, 1984.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 2006 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He graduated from OSUT in August 2006 as an M1 Armor Crewman. His first assignment was with Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas, where he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop as a Tank Driver for the commander's tank.

SPC Burkett's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

SPC Burkett is survived by his wife Brandi N. Burkett, his son Mason A. Burkett, his mother Carolyn J. Gray, his brothers Geoffrey J. Brown and Wayne W. Burkett, and his grandmother Faye L. Gray.

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SGT Gregory D. Unruh



27 July 1979 – 19 March 2008

SGT Gregory D. Unruh was born in Dickinson, Texas, July 27, 1979.

He attended the University of Houston and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a minor in Computer Science. He entered the U.S. Army in February 2006 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduating in June 2006 with Military Occupational Specialty 13F (Fire Support Specialist). SGT Unruh was then assigned to 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Team Chief for a Combat Observation Lasing Team (COLT) for Lion Battery.

SGT Unruh's awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.

SGT Unruh is survived by his wife Nimet S. Unruh and his parents Anthony and Sue Unruh.

Mr. Albert A. Haroutounian



8 June 1971 – 10 March 2008

Albert A. Haroutounian was born on June 8, 1971 in Kuwait, where he spent most of his youth. He attended an Armenian Private School located in the heart of Kuwait until the eighth grade. There he learned three languages; Armenian, Arabic and English. Playing sports was always part of his pastime with soccer being his favorite; he usually played a goal-keeper. He also took up martial arts during most of his younger years, specifically Taekwondo.

At the age of fourteen, after the death of his beloved mother, Mr. Haroutounian immigrated to the United States along with his three brothers. He has held several managerial positions and operated his own businesses at many different times. Food Service was always one of his favorites. He was also a published author who wrote such works as the "The Clock Doc."

After 9/11 Mr. Haroutounian attempted to work as an interpreter for his new country and contribute to the war on terrorism. At first he was denied but through his perseverance, he soon found himself serving as a Category II interpreter. In January 2008, Mr. Haroutounian became the Fox Troop Commander's interpreter, whom he served with distinction. One of his favorite quotes defined his desire to serve, "One should not be acknowledged merely for the amount of wealth that they possess . . . rather be appreciated for the amount of progress that they generate; both to themselves and to society."

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SPC Matthew T. Morris



16 July 1984 – 6 April 2008

SPC Matthew Troy Morris was born in Fairfax, Virginia, July 16, 1984.

SPC Morris enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 2005 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, followed by Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He graduated from AIT in June 2006 as a Power Generation Equipment Mechanic and was assigned to Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas. SPC Morris served as a Generator Mechanic and Driver for the battery executive officer and most recently as a Driver in support of Military Transition Team 0511.

SPC Morris' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

SPC Morris is survived by his parents Glenn and Lisa Morris, and his two younger brothers, Samuel and Corey.

LION BATTERY, SABRE SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

CPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz



1 January 1979 – 6 April 2008

CPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz was born in Puerto Rico on January 1, 1979.

He attended the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, and graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in 2002 and Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course in 2007. His first assignment was with A Battery, 6-37 MLRS, Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Stanley, Korea, where he served as a Platoon Leader. In 2004 CPT Burgos-Cruz was assigned to C Battery, 6-27 MLRS, Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as Platoon Leader. He was later assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, where he served as the Battalion Motor Officer. In 2005 CPT Burgos-Cruz was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 75th Fires Brigade Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as Brigade Maintenance Officer. In April 2007, CPT Burgos-Cruz was assigned to the Military Transition Team 0511, Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Advisor, as well as Executive Officer.

CPT Burgos-Cruz's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

CPT Burgos-Cruz is survived by his wife Sara Burgos, his father Andres Burgos and his mother Nilda C. Cruz.

MILITARY TRANSITION TEAM 0511, SABRE SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

SSG Chad A. Caldwell



18 July 1983 – 30 April 2008

SSG Chad Caldwell was born July 18, 1983 in Spokane, Washington.

SSG Caldwell joined the U.S. Army February 2002 earning the primary MOS, 19D (Cavalry Scout). Following Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, SSG Caldwell was assigned to C Troop, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he served as a Cavalry Scout and later as the squadron commanders' Driver. He then deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from April 2003 to July 2004. Upon redeployment, SSG Caldwell was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana, and served as a Tow Gunner and Squad Leader. From November 2006 to February 2007, SSG Caldwell deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In September 2007, SSG Caldwell arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, and was assigned to Killer Troop, Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served as a Squad Leader. SSG Caldwell deployed with the Regiment in November 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

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SSG Caldwell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (with Valor), Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Action Badge and Drivers Mechanical Badge.

SPC Alex D. Gonzalez



27 January 1987 – 6 May 2008

SPC Gonzalez was born in McAllen, Texas, January 27, 1987.

Upon completion of high school, SPC Gonzalez enlisted in the U.S. Army, March 8, 2006. After completing Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, SPC Gonzalez was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 21B (Combat Engineer). SPC Gonzalez arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, for his first duty assignment in July 2006 and was assigned to 2nd platoon, 43rd Combat Engineer, Saber Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. SPC Gonzalez deployed November 2007, attached to Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09, were he served as an RG-31 Driver and Gunner on the lead vehicle of 2nd platoon's route clearance patrols.

SPC Gonzalez's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

SPC Gonzalez is survived by father and mother, Alfredo and Idalia Gonzalez, and three sisters.

43RD COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY, THUNDER SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

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PFC Joshua E. Waltenbaugh



3 February 1989 – 3 June 2008

PFC Waltenbaugh was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 3, 1989.

He was raised in Ford City, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school. PFC Waltenbaugh enlisted in the United States Army on May 30, 2006. Upon completion of Basic Combat Training (BCT), he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he was qualified as an Aircraft Powerplant Repairer on July 5, 2007. He married his wife, Misti on September 4, 2007. PFC Waltenbaugh's first assignment was at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 19, 2007. He was assigned to the Longknife Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he served faithfully in Air Raider Troop and was promoted from PV2 to PFC on March 21, 2008.

PFC Waltenbaugh's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

PFC Waltenbaugh is survived by his wife Misti, his parents William and Bonnie Waltenbaugh of Ford City, Pennsylvania, and his siblings Bill, James, Erin, Jill and Rebecca.

SGT Alejandro Dominguez



11 September 1983 – 24 June 2008

SGT Alejandro Antonio Dominguez was born September 11, 1983 to Antonio and Elia Dominguez.

SGT Dominguez joined the U.S. Army February 14, 2002 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. SGT Dominguez was first stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, as a Tank Crewman. A year later he was assigned to the 11th ACR in Fort Irwin, California, where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Dominguez joined the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen and Tiger Squadron, January 14, 2003, assigned as a Gunner for Apache Troop. He was instrumental in Apache Troop's preparation for deployment and its successful rotation at the National Training Center (NTC). SGT Dominguez deployed with Tiger Squadron in November 2007 in support of OIF 07-09.

SGT Dominguez's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Dominguez is survived by his wife Brenda, daughter Alexa and his parents Antonio and Elia Dominguez.

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SPC James M. Yohn



16 May 1983 – 24 June 2008

SPC James Michael Yohn was born May 16, 1983 to Robert Fisher Jr. and Judith Yohn.

SPC Yohn joined the Army August 21, 2006. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. SPC Yohn was assigned to Apache Troop, Tiger Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas on February 5, 2007. SPC Yohn served as a tank crewman helping his platoon prepare for deployment. He was instrumental throughout Apache Troop's successful training exercises to include a rotation to the National Training Center (NTC). He deployed with Tiger Squadron in November 2007 in support of OIF 07-09.

SPC Yohn's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge.

SPC Yohn is survived by his wife, Amber, and his parents, Robert Fisher Jr. and Judith Yohn.

SPC Joel A. Taylor



24 December 1987 – 24 June 2008

SPC Joel Allen Taylor was born on December 24, 1987 to Scottie Taylor and Caren Newman

SPC Taylor joined the U.S. Army on June 22, 2006. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. SPC Taylor was assigned to Apache Troop, Tiger Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas, October 20, 2006. SPC Taylor served as a Tank Crewman, helping his platoon prepare for deployment. He was instrumental throughout Apache Troop's successful training exercises to include a rotation to the National Training Center (NTC). He deployed with Tiger Squadron in November 2007 in support of OIF 07-09.

SPC Taylor's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.

SSG David W. Textor



14 September 1980 – 15 July 2008

SSG Textor was born Sept. 14, 1980, in Jamestown, N.Y. He grew up in Randolph, N.Y., where he attended Randolph Central High School. He volunteered for military service in May 2002 as an infantryman. Upon completion of his initial entry training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. SSG Textor began the Special Forces Qualification Course in May 2005 and he earned the coveted "Green Beret" in November 2006. He was then assigned to 3rd Bn., 1st SFG (A) at Fort Lewis, Wash., as a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha weapons sergeant. SSG David W. Textor, 27, was killed July 15 while conducting combat operations in Mosul, Iraq, serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed in support of Operation Iraq Freedom in May 2008 as a member of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula.

SSG Textor's military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Survival Evasion Resistance Escape Course, Basic Airborne Course, Ranger School and Special Forces Qualification Course.

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SSG Textor's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

SSG Textor is survived by his wife Colette and their five children, Caleb, McKenna, Ryan, Boden and Jadon of Olympia, Wash.; his father Bill Textor of Pine City, Minn.; his mother and stepfather, Jennie and Kevin Lindberg of Roanoke, Va.; and his five sisters, Laurie, Michelle, Terra, Karen and Kellie.

COMPANY A, 3RD BATALLION, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES
GROUP (AIRBORNE)
"BRAVE RIFLES"

SPC Andre D. Mitchell



4 June 1983 – 31 July 2008

SPC Mitchell was born June 4, 1983 in Houston, Texas, and raised in Elmont, New York.

SPC Mitchell graduated from Sewanhaka Central High School in Elmont, New York and then earned his Associate's degree in Liberal Arts at Nassau Community College in Garden City, New York. SPC Mitchell entered the U.S. Army February 14, 2006. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia, earning the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 92F (Petroleum Supply Specialist). In July 2006, SPC Mitchell was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Sabre Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. In November 2007, SPC Mitchell deployed with the Regiment in support of OIF 07-09 and was attached to Support Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

SPC Mitchell's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.

SPC Jorge L. Feliz Nieve



14 November 1981 – 28 August 2008

SPC Jorge L. Feliz Nieve was born November 14, 1981 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Upon completing high school at Santa Domingo East in the Dominican Republic, SPC Feliz Nieve moved to the United States, residing in New York City. He entered the U.S. Army March 23, 2006, and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and was awarded the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 92F(Petroleum Supply Specialist) after his completion of Advance Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia. SPC Feliz Nieve then went on to complete the Petroleum Heavy Vehicle Operator's Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In October 2006, SPC Feliz Nieve was assigned to Support Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. In November 2007, SPC Feliz Nieve deployed with the Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

SPC Feliz Nieve's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

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SPC Feliz Nieve is survived by his wife Yisel Feliz Nieve and mother Victoria Feliz Nieve.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP, THUNDER SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

CPT Michael J. Medders



4 November 1982 – 24 September 2008

CPT Michael Medders was born in Elyria, Ohio, November 4, 1982. He grew up in Avon Lake, Ohio, and graduated from Avon Lake High School.

CPT Medders attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio in 2005, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in communication. CPT Medders enlisted into the Ohio National Guard as a 19K (M1 Armor Crewman) and after two years, received his commission. His first assignment was at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he attended the Armor Officers Basic Course and Scout Platoon Leader Course. CPT Medders was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the Assistant Regimental S-4 in the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. He then went on to serve as a Scout Platoon Leader and Executive Officer of Grim Troop, Sabre Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and Support Platoon Leader in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Sabre Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

CPT Medders' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

CPT Medders is survived by his father Michael Medders, mother Lynn Medders, three sisters Amanda, Kathy, Carrie, and his fiancée, Stacey Hrvatin.

SGT Michael K. Clark



27 October 1983 – 7 October 2008

SGT Michael Clark was a native of Sacramento, California.

SGT Clark joined the U.S. Army on August 10, 2004. Upon completion of Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, SGT Clark was awarded the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 13F (Forward Observer). SGT Clark's first assignment was with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. SGT Clark was later assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, where he served as a Forward Observer for both 1st and 3rd platoons.

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SGT Clark's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Valor), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.

SGT Clark is survived by his wife Nalini Clark and son Lucas Clark.

1ST BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION "BRAVE RIFLES"

SGT Jose Regalado



11 May 1985 – 12 November 2008

SGT Jose Regalado was born May 11, 1985 in Los Angeles, California.

SGT Regalado joined the U.S. Army in 2003 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. SGT Regalado's first assignment was as a Cavalry Scout with Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. He later deployed with the Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2005 to February 2006. Upon redeployment, SGT Regalado was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 15th Cavalry, Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as Cavalry Instructor. In November 2007, SGT Regalado was assigned to Killer Troop, Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, as a team leader and deployed with the Regiment in support of OIF 07-09.

SGT Regalado's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Regalado is survived by his wife Sharri and daughter Jaimie.

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SPC Corey Shea



14 August 1987 – 12 November 2008

SPC Corey Shea was born August 14, 1987 in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

SPC Shea joined the U.S. Army in March 2006 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, earning the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 19D (Cavalry Scout). SPC Shea's first assignment was with Killer Troop, Thunder Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. He deployed with the Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in November 2007.

SPC Shea's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

SPC Shea is survived by his father Billy Shea, mother Denise Anderson and stepfather Jeff Margolin.

CW2 Christian Humphreys



4 April 1980 – 15 November 2008

CW2 Christian Humphreys began his military career in the U.S. Navy June 1998. He served for eight years as a crew chief on a UH-1 helicopter before entering the U.S. Army commissioning as a warrant officer at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After completing the OH-58D(R) Kiowa Warrior Advanced Qualification Course in March 2008, CW2 Humphreys was assigned to A Troop, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, in Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He quickly progressed to RL-1 day, night and NVG as a Scout Pilot and excelled in the additional duties of assistant troop communications officer and foreign objects/debris officer. CW2 Humphreys deployed with the unit, July 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CW2 Humphreys' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Aviation Badge.

CW2 Humphreys is survived by his wife Christina.



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CW3 Donald V. Clark



12 September 1971 – 15 November 2008

CW3 Donald Clark graduated from the OH-58D (R) Kiowa Warrior Advanced Qualification Course (AQC) and was assigned to D Troop, 4th Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, Louisiana. CW3 Clark served as an ASE Officer and Pilot in command from December 1998 to January 2002. Upon completion of his command, CW3 Clark attended the OH-58D(R) Instructor's Course with a follow up assignment to E Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment at Camp Casey, Korea. There, CW3 Clark served as an Instructor Pilot for 12 months. He then returned to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to instruct at the Army Rotary Wing Flight School. CW3 Clark served as an AQC Flight Commander and Instructor Pilot, training new Army aviators to fly the OH-58D (R) Kiowa Warrior. In November 2006, CW3 Clark was assigned to 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as the Squadron Master Gunner. In June 2007, CW3 Clark was assigned to B Troop, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, as an Instructor Pilot and Instrument Flight Examiner. After serving 10 months, he was assigned as the Standardized Instructor Pilot for C Troop for 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. In July of 2008, CW3 Clark deployed with C Troop for 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Mosul, Iraq.

CW3 Clark's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Senior Aviation Badge and Submariner Badge.

CW3 Clark is survived by his wife Jamie, and children Danielle, Brittany, Jonathan and Bailey.

SFC Miguel A. Wilson



26 December 1971 – 21 November 2008

SFC Miguel Wilson was born in Bonham, Texas, December 26, 1971.

SFC Wilson enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1997 and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. He graduated AIT and was awarded the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 11C (Mortarman). SFC Wilson's first duty assignment was at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Mortar Carrier Driver and Squad Leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-8 CAV, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. During this assignment, SFC Wilson deployed in with the unit in support of Operation Joint Forge. In April 2003, SFC Wilson was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-27 Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, serving as a Fire Director Center Chief, Motor Section Sergeant and Liaison Sergeant. In October 2004, SFC Wilson was assigned to 1st Battalion (IN), 393rd Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, in a Title X position as an Observer Controller/Trainer. During this assignment, SFC Wilson deployed to Mosul, Iraq, serving as an Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Iraqi Special Police for 12 months on a Military Transition Team. In September 2006, SFC Wilson was assigned to Eagle Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, as the Troop's Motor Section Sergeant, where he trained his men and played a key role in preparing them for the Regiment's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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SFC Wilson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd award), National Defense Service Medal (1BSS), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

SFC Wilson is survived by his wife Carolyn Wilson, son Bryce and two daughters J'Nai and Lexus of Killeen, Texas.

EAGLE TROOP, SABRE SQUADRON, 3d ACR "BRAVE RIFLES"

MSG Anthony Davis



22 January 1965 – 25 November 2008

MSG Anthony Davis was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 22, 1965.

MSG Davis enlisted in the Army March 7, 1983, and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in May 1984. Upon completion AIT, MSG Davis was awarded the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 12B (Combat Engineer). MSG Davis served at Fort Stewart, Georgia (1984-1986), and Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1986-1990). He subsequently changed his MOS from Combat Engineer to Military Intelligence Analyst. MSG Davis worked in a variety of jobs in different locations during his military career to include Fort Meade, Maryland (1991-1994 and 1996-1998), two tours in Korea (1994-1995), and 1998-2000), Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1999-2001), and Washington, D.C. (2001-2008). MSG Davis also deployed to the Middle East in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, MSG Davis was assigned as the NCOIC of 2nd Battalion, 11th Battalion, 3rd Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team in support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MSG Davis' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), National Defense Service Medal (one Silver Star), Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Driver's Badge.

MSG Davis is survived by his wife, Anna Davis and his five children, Keona, Jerel, Diana, Marc and Kaylah.

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CPT Warren A. Frank



04 March 1982 – 25 November 2008

CPT Frank, 26, grew up in Anderson Township and was a member of the Turpin High School Class of 2000. He graduated from The Citadel, where he majored in political science and was a member of Bravo Company. In 2004, he was assigned to the 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

CPT Frank served two tours of duty in Iraq.

CPT Frank is survived by his wife, Allison and daughters, Sophia Lynn and Isabelle Grace, who live in Okinawa Japan, his parents Rebecca and Warren Frank and a sister, Sara Frank, all of the Greater Cincinnati area.

5TH AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON CO III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE "BRAVE RIFLES"

SGT John Savage



4 March 1982 – 4 December 2008

SGT John Savage was born March 4, 1982, in Weatherford, Texas.

SGT Savage entered the U.S. Army Reserve on July 27, 2000. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Leonard, Missouri, and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 21E (Heavy Construction Equipment Operator). SGT Savage began his active Army service April 30, 2003 at Vilseck, Germany, in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, serving as a Driver and Guidon Bearer. In January of 2005, SGT Savage deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. In July of 2006, SGT Savage restationed with the 94th Engineer Battalion from Vilseck, Germany, to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then reassigned to the 103rd Engineer Company (Horizontal) Personal Security Detachment and deployed with the unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

SGT Savage's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (Second Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Savage is survived by his father, John Savage, mother Jaclyn Parker, and his daughter Nicole

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SSG Solomon Sam



4 March 1982 – 4 December 2008

SSG Solomon Sam joined the Army October 7, 1999 in Majuro, Marshall Islands.

SSG Sam completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 21E (Heavy Construction Equipment Operator). In May of 2000, SSG Sam was assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as a Heavy Construction Equipment Operator in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion. In January 2004, SSG Sam deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II and in December of 2005, SSG Sam deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07. In June of 2007, SSG Sam was reassigned to Bravo Co., later designated 523rd Horizontal Construction Company, 84th Engineer Battalion.

SSG Sam's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (Third Award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge and Driver's Badge.

SSG Sam is survived his wife Billa Sam, and his two sons Jessie and Augustine.

MAJ John Pryor



23 January 1966 – 25 December 2008

MAJ John Pryor was born in Mount Vernon, New York, January 23, 1966.

MAJ Pryor held a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton, studied at St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies, and earned his Medical Doctorate at the State University of New York at Binghamton. He completed his surgical residency training at the State University of New York at Binghamton, and completed a trauma surgery and critical care fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he served as a faculty member and trauma-critical surgeon. He was licensed to practice medicine in New York and Pennsylvania. MAJ Pryor's military education includes the Army Medical (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course and the Army Medical Captain's Career Course. MAJ Pryor was previously deployed with the 344th Combat Support Hospital in Abu Grhaib, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, from February 2006 through May 2006. He voluntarily deployed with the 1st Forward Surgical Team in 2008 to provide world-class trauma care for Coalition Forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Mosul, Iraq.

MAJ Pryor's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M Device), Army Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

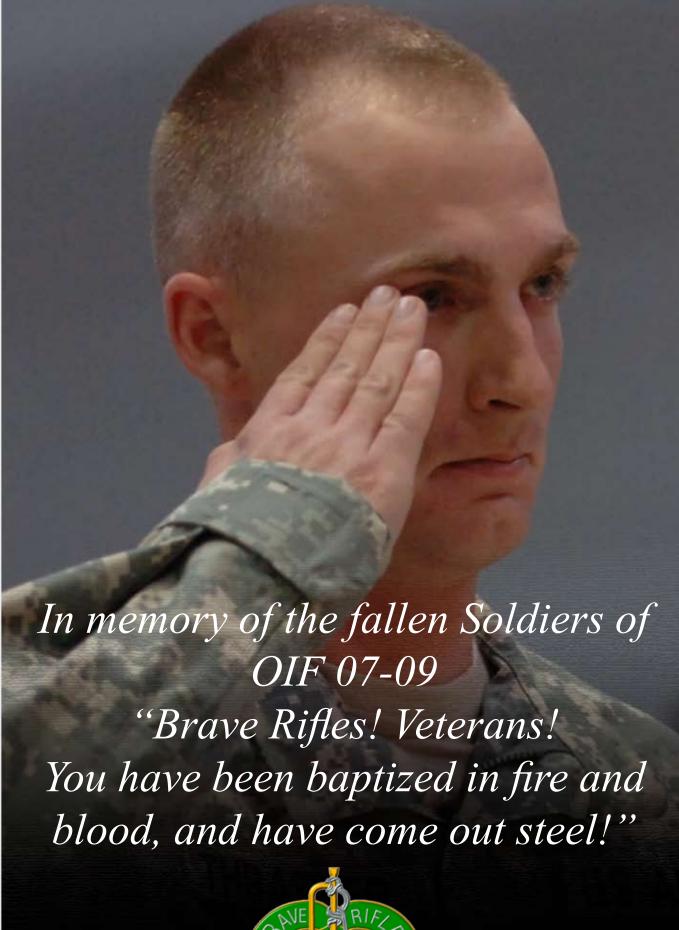
MAJ Pryor is survived by his wife Carmela and three children, Danielle, Francis and John.

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3d Armored Cavalry Regiment Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humbly acknowledge You as the Almighty and Eternal God of all peoples, armies and nations. We thank You for Your providential care and blessings in the past. And now we trust You to meet our needs, hear our prayers and preserve our lives through all dangers in the future.

Thank You, dear Lord, for Your loving guidance and help throughout the distinguished history of our "Regiment of Mounted Rifleman." Grant, O Lord, that each of us as Cavalry Troopers will follow Your loving guidance throughout our lives.

Remind us, O Lord, of the courage, sacrifice and heroic achievements of past "Brave Rifleman" who served You by serving our great nation and now pass on to us the legacy of America's most formidable fighting force. Help us to serve You, our country and our Regiment in a manner worthy of this glorious legacy.

Bless our Regiment, O God. Guide our Commanders and their staffs to lead us to victory. Strengthen our Non-Commissioned Officers and their troopers for the fight of justice and for the care of our families. May we carry our colors with courage, honor and distinction. In times of peace, may we remain disciplined, proficient and prepared for war. In times of combat, may we be victorious over our enemies, so that a just and lasting peace will reign in the earth.

Father, when the trumpeter sounds our final "Taps" and the Brave Rifleman who served You are called before Your throne, grant them abundant mercy and entrance into Your heavenly kingdom, according to Your great love and for the glory of Your name. Amen.



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